

Kiveton Park
Rural District Council.

Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health,
—FOR THE YEAR 1925.—

Area in Acres (exclusive of Water) 19,961·425.

Population, 1925, 16,700.

The principal causes of Death were :—

Measles	1	Arterio Sclerosis	1
Scarlet Fever	3	Bronchitis	10
Whooping Cough	2	Pneumonia (all forms)	25
Diphtheria	1	Other Respiratory Disease	3
Influenza	3	Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis...	7	Appendicitis & Typhlitis...	2
Other Tuberculous Disease	1	Nephritis	3
Cancer	10	Puerperal Sepsis	1
Diabetis	4	Deaths from Violence	4
Cerebral Hæmorrhage	5	Other Defined Diseases	33
Heart Disease	32		

Infantile Mortality.

I am glad to note a decrease in the mortality of Infants under one year, there being 22 (two less than the previous year), giving a Death Rate of 56·9. It is very satisfactory, and much lower than that of England and Wales, which is 75 per 1,000 Births. Of these 22 Deaths, 11 were due to Congenital Defects, and Premature Birth, the remaining ones from Bronchitis, Pneumonia, and Convulsions.

The Infantile Deaths occurred in the following parishes :—
Dinnington, 8; Anston, 6; Wales, 4; Harthill, 2; Firbeck, 2.

Notifiable Diseases.

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Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified during the year 1925.

Disease	Total Cases notified	Number of Cases Notified at :													Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths	Cases Notified in each Locality							
		Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	5 to 10 years	10 to 15 years	15 to 20 years	20 to 35 years	35 to 45 years	45 to 65 years	65 years and over			Anston	Dinnington	Firbeck	Letwell	Thorpe Salvin	Todwick	Wales	Woodsetts
Scarlet Fever ..	210	3	1	6	20	22	17	78	41	12	9	1	..	..	197	3	32	148	2	..	3	1	24	..
Diphtheria ..	24	..	..	1	4	1	5	6	2	2	2	..	1	..	21	1	5	7	..	..	..	..	11	1
Pneumonia ..	17	4	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	1	2	3	1	1	..	25	1	13	1	1	..	..	..	1
Erysipelas ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	
TOTALS ..	255	7	2	9	25	24	23	84	43	15	14	5	3	1	219	29	40	169	3	1	3	1	36	2

Notifiable Diseases.

The year in review has been a particularly full one with regard to Notifiable Diseases.

The epidemic of Scarlet Fever assumed such proportions that the accommodation at the Isolation Hospital proved inadequate. I regret to say that three Deaths occurred.

A Special Report has been prepared on the outbreak of Scarlet Fever, and will shortly be in the hands of the Members of the Council.

Twenty-four cases of Diphtheria were reported, with one fatal result.

A Table of Notifiable Diseases is inserted, showing the ages of those affected, and the localities where they occurred.

Tuberculosis.

Seventy cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis have been notified during the year. This is an increase of twenty over 1924. The only explanation I can offer is the overcrowded condition of certain parts of the district.

Twenty-one cases of other forms of Tubercular Diseases, such as glands, bones, etc., have been notified, which makes a total of ninety-one, which is appalling in a District such as yours.

Tuberculosis in all forms was responsible for eight deaths during the year in review, which goes to prove that the condition is detected in a very early stage, or that the majority of the cases are very slight, or the treatment, as adopted by the West Riding County Council, is very efficacious. Many of the cases have received, and are receiving, Sanatorium treatment.

Age—Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5	1	4	6	1	..	..	..	..
10	11	5	6	4	..	..	..	..
15	5	8	1	3	1	..	..	..
20	6	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
25	5	2	..	..	1	1	1	..
35	6	3	..	..	1	2	..	..
45	7	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
55	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
65 & upwards	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS	43	27	13	8	4	3	1	..

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

No case notified during the year.

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council.

Tuberculosis.

Sanatoria treatment undertaken by the County Council at several Sanatoriums, all situate outside the District; the Poor Law Guardians also treat cases at the Kilton Hill Sanatorium, Worksop.

Maternity.

Poor Law Infirmary, Worksop, and Jessop Hospital, Sheffield (not subsidised).

Children.

Children's Hospital, Sheffield (not subsidised).

Fever.

Isolation Hospital, Swallownest (situate outside district), Hospital supported jointly with the Rotherham Rural District Council. Accommodation: Scarlet fever beds, 32; diphtheria and enteric fever beds, 10; other (isolation) beds, 8. Total, 50 beds. The work of building a new diphtheria ward now in progress.

Smallpox.

Smallpox Hospital, Brampton (situate within Rotherham R.D.C. area). Hospital supported jointed with the Rotherham Rural District Council. Accommodation: 20 beds.

Other.

No institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children in the district, except the Poor Law Infirmary, situate at Worksop.

Ambulance Facilities.

Infectious Cases.—Motor ambulance provided from the Swallownest Isolation Hospital.

Non-Infectious and Accident Cases.—Motor ambulances are provided by the Colliery Companies in the District, also the Sheffield Joint Hospitals Council; an additional Motor Ambulance is also supported by the inhabitants of the Parish of Dinnington.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres (Consultation and Treatment) are provided at Dinnington and Kiveton Park by the County Council.

A Tuberculosis Dispensary is also provided by the County Council at Dinnington, while Venereal Diseases may be treated at the Rotherham Hospital.

Public Health Staff.

Medical Officer of Health.

W. T. Wood, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. ; Part-time Official ; salary contribution made by the County Council under the Public Health Acts.

Sanitary Inspector.

L. B. Goddard, Cert. R. San. I. ; also Officer designated to make inspections under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 ; and the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924 ; Full-time Official ; salary contribution made by the County Council under the Public Health Acts.

Nursing Arrangements.

Professional nursing in the home is carried out under the supervision of Local Nursing Associations, who provide resident Nurses in the District.

No provision made for nursing cases of infectious disease in the home.

The duties under the notification of Births Act are carried out by the County Council, who have nurses resident in the District.

Midwives.

The supervision of Midwives is carried out by the County Council. Number of Midwives practising in the District—8.

Sanitary Administration.

List of Adoptive Acts, Bye-Laws, and Local Regulations relating to the public health in force in the district, with date of adoption :—

The Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889.

The Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890.

Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890 (Part III. so far as the same applies to Rural Districts), adopted April 22nd, 1891.

Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907 (Part V. and certain sections comprised in Parts II., III., IV., and X.), adopted June 9th, 1920.

Bye-laws with respect to New Streets and Buildings, adopted October 21st, 1903.

Bye-laws with respect to Slaughter-houses, adopted December 10th, 1906.

Regulations with respect to Dairies, Cow-sheds, and Milk-shops, adopted May 13th, 1907.

Bye-laws with respect to Tents, Vans, Sheds and similar structures used for human habitation, adopted October 13th, 1919.

Bye-laws with respect to Common Lodging Houses, adopted April 11th, 1921.

Private Street Works.

The undermentioned streets, etc., should be dealt with under the Act :—Coronation Avenue, Dinnington (back roadway); Plantation Avenue, Dinnington (back roadway); Terraces off New Street, Dinnington (back roadway); Lorden's Hill, Dinnington (back roadway); Victoria Street, Dinnington (back roadway); Scarsdale Street, Dinnington (back roadway); Doe Quarry Terrace, Dinnington (back roadway); South Street, Dinnington (back roadway); Sikes Road, North Anston; Park Terrace, Kiveton Park; Victoria Terrace, Kiveton Park; Albert Terrace, Kiveton Park; Railway Terrace, Kiveton Park; South View, Kiveton Park; Thomas Street, Kiveton Park.

Water Supply.

The Parishes of Anston, Dinnington, Harthill, Thorpe Salvin, Todwick, Throapham, and Wales, are supplied with water in bulk from Sheffield Corporation. The remaining Parishes (Firbeck, Gildingwells, Letwell, and Woodsetts) obtain their supply from wells.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The installations at Todwick, Wales Bar, Firbeck, and Thorpe Salvin, continue satisfactory with bi-weekly attention.

HARTHILL.—A complete new system of sewerage has been designed, and the work will shortly be undertaken; the sewerage will flow to the Wales Sewage Works, which will be enlarged under the new design.

WALES.—Several lengths of defective sewers at Wales and Kiveton Park, and others of unsatisfactory gradient, will be relaid. The Sewage Works will be entirely remodelled, the existing plant having proved to be inadequate.

DINNINGTON.—Extensions to the sewers have been carried out at Dinnington in connection with the various housing schemes. Improvements to the Sewage Disposal Works carried out during the year, have been the provision of a new dosing chamber and two additional filters; the distributing apparatus has also been replaced with an improved type, and a good effluent is now being obtained. Other extensions are proceeding.

ANSTON.—These Sewage Works are now too small or outgrown and extensions to the filters and sludge disposal facilities are required.

WEST THORPE.—No satisfactory drainage is provided and sewage enters the canal untreated.

WALESWOOD.—A proper sewerage scheme **required**.

Closet Accommodation.

See the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Scavenging.

The removal and disposal of house refuse is undertaken by the Council in the Parishes of Anston, Dinnington, Harthill, Thorpe Salvin, Woodsetts and Wales, and the work continues to be carried out in a satisfactory manner. The remaining Parishes (Firbeck, Gildingwells, Letwell, Todwick and Throapham) are scavenged by owners of property.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

See the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

School Closure.

It was found necessary to recommend the closure of the whole of the departments of the Dinnington Council School from October 5th to October 30th, on account of an epidemic of Scarlet Fever amongst the school children at Dinnington.

Sanitary Condition of Schools.

Improvements carried out during the years 1921 to 1925 are as follows:—

Anston Council School.—Additional ventilation provided in the Teachers' w.c.'s.

Kiveton Park Council School.—Alterations and improvements to the drainage.

Harthill Council School.—Conversion of the pail closets into water closets.

Thorpe Salvin Council School.—Conversion of the pail closets into water closets.

Todwick Council School.—Public water supply laid on to the school.

Woodsetts Council School.—The erection of a new school contemplated.

HOUSING.

General Housing Conditions.

There is a shortage of houses in the Parishes of Anston, Dinnington, Harthill, Wales and Woodsetts, and the measures taken by the Council and Private enterprise to meet this shortage during the past five years result as follows:—

Year.	Houses erected by the Council.		Houses erected by Private Enterprise.	
1921	...	60	...	3
1922	...	212	...	1
1923	...	14	...	15
1924	...	30	...	37
1925	...	70	...	57
Totals	...	386	...	113

Overcrowding.

A considerable amount of overcrowding still exists within the Parishes of Anston, Dinnington, Harthill, Wales and Woodsetts. The cause of this overcrowding is principally by members of 2 (sometimes 3) families occupying the same house, and to a lesser degree by large families occupying small houses.

Fitness of Houses.

The general standard of housing in the area is satisfactory, although several small blocks of property are unfit or not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation; a few of the houses are also of the back-to-back type. The general character of defects found to exist in unfit houses are (1) defective house roofs and walls; (2) defective floors, staircases, etc.; (3) insufficient or defective light and ventilation; (4) defective sinks, drainage, etc.

Action as Regards Unfit Houses.

Practically no action has been taken regarding houses absolutely unfit for human habitation on account of the acute housing shortage in the area. Until further accommodation is available for the affected tenants, I am unable to recommend closure of the unfit houses.

Many improvements have been carried out respecting houses not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation, by the service of statutory notices upon the Owners under the Housing and Public Health Acts.

Unhealthy Areas

Representation was made to the Council by the Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector, suggesting a reconstruction scheme under section 39 (b) of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, with regard to property numbers 20 to 46 West Street, South Anston (total 14 houses).

Housing Statistics for the Year 1925.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—Total 127.

With State assistance under the Housing Acts :—

By the Local Authority ...	...	70
By other bodies or persons ...	...	51
Total ...	...	121

Inspection of Dwellinghouses.

Total number of Dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 545

Number of Dwellinghouses inspected under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... 545

Number of Dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 1

Number of Dwellinghouses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 273

Remedy of Defects without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective Dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... 215

Action under Statutory Powers.

Proceedings under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925.

Number of Dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... 58

Number of Dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—

By Owners ...	...	58
By Local Authority in default of Owners ...	...	—

Number of Dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close ... —

Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

Number of Dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	132
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Number of Dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—

By Owners	...	...	...	...	132
By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	...	...	—

Proceedings under Sections 11, 14 and 15 of the Housing Act, 1925.

Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	...	...	...	...	...	—
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Number of Dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	—
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Number of Dwellinghouses closed without any statutory proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	1
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Number of Dwellinghouses demolished without any statutory proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	1
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Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Supply.

The Milk produced in the district was usually found to be genuine quality, many samples having been taken by the Sanitary Inspector for Analysis. The Milk vessels, etc., used for the storage and distribution of milk were generally found to be clean, although in a few instances notices had to be served requiring proper cleanliness of such vessels, etc.

The administration of the Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915, is undertaken by the County Council, who appoint a Veterinary Inspector to deal with tuberculous cattle under the Act.

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk-shops Orders.

Regular and frequent visits are made to all Cowsheds in the district and many improvements have been carried out in recent years. Special attention is also given to cleanliness in Cowsheds, etc., and notices requiring cleansing or limewashing are immediately served upon any Cow-keeper neglecting to attend to this matter.

Meat Inspection.

Regular visits are made at the time of slaughter to all slaughter-houses in the district under the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924. The shops and stalls used for the sale of meat and other goods were also frequently inspected. 978 visits were made to slaughter-houses during the year, resulting in the carcasses of 5 beasts and 2 pigs being condemned and destroyed on account of tuberculosis; these were disposed of at the destructor works at Dinnington.

Private Slaughter-houses.

The number of private Slaughter-houses in use in the area at the dates mentioned are :—

		In 1920.		In January, 1925.		In December, 1925.
Registered	...	14	...	14	...	14
Licensed	...	14	...	14	...	14
		—		—		—
Total	...	14	...	14	...	14
		—		—		—

The sanitary condition of Bake-houses and other premises where foods are manufactured, prepared, stored or exposed for sale, were usually found to be in a satisfactory condition.

In conclusion I desire to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their kind and unfailing courtesy, and the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. Goddard) whose ready assistance and co-operation I can at all times rely upon.

I should also like to mention Mr. Thackray to whom I am indebted for much help.

I am,

Yours obediently,

W. T. WOOD,

M.O.H.

Table X.—Birth-rate, Death-rate, and Analysis of Mortality during the year 1925.

(Provisional figures. The rates for England and Wales have been calculated on a population estimated in the middle of 1925, while those for the towns have been calculated on populations estimated to the middle of 1924. The mortality rates refer to the whole population as regards England and Wales, but only to civilians as regards London and the groups of towns).

	BIRTH- RATE PER 1,000 TOTAL POPULA- TION	ANNUAL DEATH-RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION.								RATE PER 1,000 BIRTHS.		PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DEATHS				
		All Causes.	Enteric Fever	Small-pox	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Influenza	Violence	Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under Two years).	Total Deaths under One year.	Causes of Death certi- fied by Registered Medical Practitioners.	Inquest Cases.	Uncertified Causes of Death.	
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England and Wales	18.3	12.2	0.01	0.00	0.13	0.03	0.15	0.07	0.32	0.47	8.4	75	92.1	6.9	1.0	
105 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London	18.8	12.2	0.01	0.00	0.17	0.03	0.18	0.09	0.30	0.43	10.8	79	92.1	7.3	0.6	
157 Smaller Towns (1921 Adjusted Populations 20,000—50,000)	18.3	11.2	0.01	0.00	0.15	0.02	0.14	0.06	0.31	0.38	7.6	74	93.0	5.9	1.1	
London	18.0	11.7	0.01	0.00	0.08	0.02	0.19	0.11	0.23	0.46	10.6	67	91.1	8.9	0.0	

KIVETON PARK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Sanitary and Housing Inspector for the year 1925.

To the Chairman and Members of the Kiveton Park
Rural District Council.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting my Thirteenth Annual Report
as your Sanitary Inspector, etc.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS.

INSPECTIONS

Dwellinghouses inspected	...	...	...	...	...	545
Van Dwellings inspected	...	...	...	...	...	11
Houses re-inspected	...	...	...	...	...	426
Van Dwellings re-inspected	...	...	...	...	...	7
Complaints investigated	...	...	...	...	...	253
Re-inspection of work in progress	...	...	...	...	...	822
Total	...	...	...	...	...	2064

HOUSING ACTS 1925.

NOTICES SERVED TO EXECUTE REPAIRS.

Anston	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Dinnington	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Harthill	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Todwick	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wales	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Total	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	58

HOUSE CLOSED (Voluntarily).

Dinnington	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

HOUSE DEMOLISHED (Voluntarily).

Dinnington	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

REMEDIAL WORKS

Houses placed in habitable repair	173
Windows made to open in houses	4
Damp and defective house walls remedied	25
Eaves and downspouts provided or repaired	71
Houses cleansed and limewashed	6
Overcrowding abated	25
Samples of water taken for analysis	3
Houses connected with water mains	2
Sanitary dustbins provided or renewed	111
Pail closets converted into water closets	133
Insanitary privies converted into water closets	11
Additional water closets provided	8
Drains cleansed and repaired	189
Yard surfaces paved or re-asphalted	83
New pails provided to earth closets	90
Water closets cleansed and repaired	64
Doors provided to ashpits	24
Closet roofs repaired	88
Ashpit roofs repaired	47
Sink waste pipes renewed or lengthened	56
New sinks provided	17
Fowls or animals improperly kept (instances removed)	15
Offensive accumulations removed	1
Houses provided with sufficient drainage	11
Total	1257
Number of Statutory Notices served	359
Number of Informal Notices served	421
Total	780

GRAND TOTAL ... 4,161.

HOUSING.

Progress in connection with the Council's Housing Schemes during the year is as follows:—

ANSTON.

Eighteen houses completed and occupied.

DINNINGTON.

Twenty-eight of the 36 houses are completed and occupied, the remaining eight houses nearing completion.

HARTHILL.

Contract let for the building of 32 houses, 18 of this number being in course of erection.

WOODSETTS.

Contract let for the erection of 14 houses all being in an advanced state of erection.

WALES.

Contract let for the building of 28 houses, 24 being completed and occupied, and the remaining 4 nearing completion.

The building of an additional 50 houses is contemplated.

OVER-CROWDING.

An urgent need exists for further working class houses, particularly at Anston, Dinnington and Wales.

Many houses are overcrowded and contain members of 2, and sometimes 3, families.

Applications are continually being made for housing accommodation, the number of applicants on the waiting list at the end of the year being:—

ANSTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61
DINNINGTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	165
HARTHILL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58
WALES	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	151
WOODSETTS	...		...	...	...	...	...	20
Total								455

HOUSES ERECTED BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

The undermentioned table gives particulars of new houses built and in course of erection, by Private Enterprise, during the year:—

Parish	Number of houses erected.		Erection of houses. (work in progress).	
	Working class	Other	Working class	Other
Anston	6	1	.	1
Dinnington	36	2	172	6
Firbeck				1
Gildingwells	2			
Harthill	1			
Todwick	5			
Wales	1	3		1
Woodsetts				1
Total ..	51	7	*172	10

*—Scheme carried out by the Industrial Housing Association.

HOUSE DRAINAGE.

New drainage (examinations), 71; existing drains tested with the smoke test, 6.

REMOVAL OF HOUSE REFUSE.

Table showing the cost of Scavenging Work in the Parishes where the removal of such refuse is undertaken by the Council.

Parish or District	Amount for Removal of Refuse			Amount for Rent of Tips, Repairs, &c.			Total		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Anston	342	10	5	11	6	9	353	17	2
Turnerwood and Cinderhill ..	28	0	0	..			28	0	0
Dinnington	828	8	6	39	4	11	867	13	5
Harthill	166	2	8	12	18	0	179	0	8
Thorpe Salvin	10	0	0	..			10	0	0
Woodsetts	31	10	0	13	12	7	45	2	7
Wales	653	5	0	35	6	3	688	11	3
Total ..	£2059	16	7	£112	8	6	£2172	5	1

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Table giving the closet accommodation, etc., within each Parish of the District.

Parish or District	Dwelling Houses	Other Buildings	Water Closets	Earth (pail) Closets	Privies	Dustbins	Ashpits	Middens
Anston	567	12	277	220	94	246	128	70
Dinnington	1389	36	1215	239	19	902	260	18
Firbeck	45	2	4	1	32		3	26
Gildingwells	15			2	10		2	8
Harthill.. .. .	281	6	111	70	99	61	59	74
Letwell	23	1			20			18
Thorpe Salvin	83	3	16	12	36	1	14	31
Todwick	71	2	10	18	34		8	26
Throapham	19		5		10		3	
Wales	986	22	596	343	45	361	257	34
Woodsetts	83	2	9	13	46	9	15	30
Total ..	3562	86	2243	918	445	1580	749	341

CONVERSION INTO THE WATER CARRIAGE SYSTEM.

One hundred and eighteen pail closets and privies were converted into water closets under Section 39 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, at a total cost of £1,278 9s. 5d.; 14 additional closets were also converted into water closets by owners of property, the Council making a grant of £5 towards the cost of each of these latter conversions.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Number of visits made to premises where Infectious Disease occurred, 995; houses disinfected, 295; schools disinfected, 4.

CANAL BOATS

No change during the year.

THE SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Twenty-two samples of milk have been taken and sent to the County Analyst at Bradford for analysis, who certified 21 of the samples as "genuine milk" and the remaining sample as deficient in milk fat. The Vendor of this latter sample received a caution.

WATER SUPPLY

Number of houses connected with the Public Water Supply (excluding new houses), 2.

COMMON LODGING-HOUSES

Number in the district, 1; inspections, 19; defects remedied, 1.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number in the district, 2; inspections, 14; defects remedied, 2.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILK-SHOPS

Number of inspections, 370; defects remedied, 22.

Number of Retail Purveyors of Milk only, 16.

Retail Purveyors of Milk, who are also Cow-keepers, 40.

Wholesale Producers of Milk, 42; approximate number of milch cows, 565.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES

Number in the district, 14; visits made, 978; defects remedied, 4.

FOOD SUPPLY

The shops and buildings used for the preparation and sale of meat and other foods have been frequently visited and the food exposed for sale, examined. The quality of such food was usually found to be very good. No seizures were made, but there were:—

The carcasses of 5 beasts; 2 pigs; 5 forequarters of beef; 1 hind-quarter of beef; 33 ox livers; 5 pig livers; 27lbs. mutton; 2 ox hearts; 1 ox head and tongue; 30 couples rabbits; 7 tins condensed milk; 26 tins tomatoes and 2 barrels apples, surrendered as unfit for human food.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACT, 1901—

Number on register, 113; inspections, 278; defects remedied, 12.

PETROLEUM ACTS.

Licenses have been granted for the keeping or selling of Petroleum and Carbide of Calcium, as follows:—Number of Petroleum licences granted, 47; number of licences granted to store carbide of calcium, 23.

CONCLUSION—

In conclusion, I again beg to thank the Council for their courtesy and consideration on all matters arising throughout the year; also the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Wood) for his valuable help, readily given at all times during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

L. B. GODDARD,

Sanitary and Housing Inspector.

Council Offices,
Kiveton Park,
February, 1926.

ANNUAL REPORT of the Medical Officer of Health, for the year 1925, for the Rural District of Kiveton Park,

On the administration of the Factory & Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, AND WORKPLACES.

1.—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Including Inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector.

Premises					Number of	
					Inspections	Written notices
Factories	..	..	..	..	24	..
Workshops	..	..	..	..	232	12
Workplaces	..	..	..	..	22	..
Total	..	..	..	..	278	12

2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Particulars					Number of Defects	
					Found	Remedied
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :</i>						
Want of cleanliness	..	..	..	..	6	6
Want of ventilation	..	..	..	..	..	..
Overcrowding	..	..	..	..	..	..
Want of Drainage of Floors	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other nuisances	..	..	..	..	6	6
Total	..	..	..	..	12	12

W. T. WOOD,
Medical Officer of Health.

April 17th, 1926.

Kiveton Park Rural Sanitary District.

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS

Total No. of Inspections made in 1925, for Nuisances only, 1,075.
(For Housing Inspections see Table D).

Nuisances reported in 1925, 653.

Nuisances in hand, end of 1924, 43.

Total needing abatement, 984.

Abated during 1925, 952.

Outstanding end of 1925, 32.

Notices served, Informal, 421. Complied with, 401.

Notices served, Statutory, 359. Complied with, 333.

Total number of Summonses or other legal proceedings, work carried out in several instances owing to non-compliance with notices served.

Filthy houses, cleansing of, 6. Any notices served under Sec. 46 of P.H.A. 1875 (or any other Act)? 6.

Regulated Buildings, Trades, &c.	No. in Dis- trict	No. on Regis- ter	Total No of Inspec tions made	General Condition	Legal Proceed- ings (if any)
Common Lodging Houses..	1	1	19	Fair	none
House let in Lodgings ..	..	..	..	..	..
Canal Boats.. ..	..	..	..	Canal not used	..
Knackers Yards ..	..	..	..	..	..
Tents, Vans and Sheds ..	11	..	18	None Per- manent in District	..
Offensive Trades ..	2	2	14	Tripe Boiling (clean)	..

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades? No.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Developments during 1925? Extensions of sewers to the Housing Schemes.

Developments still needed as to (a) Want of sewers. Harthill scheme now commenced. (b) Improvement of defective sewers. West Thorpe and Waleswood.

Sewage Disposal Works (a) Any inadequacy. Wales scheme now commenced. (b) Any complaints. Wales scheme now commenced.

Any sink wastes still needing disconnection? No.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

No. of Privies, 445; No. of Pail or Tub Closets, 918.

No. of Water Closets, 2,226; Waste-water Closets, 17.

Number of Pail Closets converted into Water Closets during 1925, 133.

Number of Privies re-constructed during 1925—(a) as w.c.'s, 11; (b) other, 0.

No. of additional Closets provided for old property in 1925—(a) w.c.'s, 8; (b) other, 0.

No. of Closets constructed in 1925 for new houses (a) w.c.'s, 120; (b) other, 7.

SCAVENCING

Any change during 1925? No.

Performed by (a) Council—Yes; (b) Contractor—Yes; (c) Owners or Occupiers—Yes.

How is refuse disposed of (a) Destructor—Yes; (b) Tips—Yes; (c) Farmers—Yes. Total annual cost, £2,172 5s. 1d.

Is there any inadequacy, and where? None.

Any utilization of waste material? None.

WATER SUPPLY

Any developments during 1925? Extension of water main at Dinnington and Council's Housing Schemes.

Any new sources added? 2 existing houses; 119 new houses.

Any disused sources re-used? No.

MILK SUPPLY.

Are Two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act? Yes. (a) For Retailers. Yes. (b) For Cow-keepers or Wholesale Traders. Yes.

Have any retailers been removed from the Register? No.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. and D. Acts? 22. No. adulterated? Nil.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for bacteriological examinations? None.

What arrangement for periodical Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows? Services of a Veterinary Surgeon obtained when required.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1925? No.

No. of milk cows kept in district, 565.

No. of Cowkeepers in district producing and selling milk, 82. No. registered, 82.

No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cow-keepers, 40; No. who are Milk Retailers only, 16; Total No. of Retail Milk Sellers registered, 56.

Total No. of cowsheds, 175; Total No. of inspections in 1925, 370. Cowkeepers, 330; Retailers, 40.

Date of Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Regulations? 1897. Any Legal Action? No.

Any Inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent? No.

OTHER FOODS.

No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs Acts in 1925, None.
No. adulterated, none.

Any special examination of Milk for Dirt? No.

No. of seizures of unsound food, nil. Kind and quantity, nil.
No. of prosecutions, nil.

No. of Slaughterhouses, 14. Registered, 14. Licensed, 14. Unsatisfactory, structurally, or in bad position Nil.

No. of times each Slaughterhouse inspected?—69. Total inspections, 978.

No. of Prosecutions (a) Food and Drugs, nil; (b) Unsound Food, nil; (c) *re* Slaughterhouses, nil.

Bakehouses, No., 16. Any underground?—No. Total number of inspections, 64.

SCHOOLS.

No. of Schools in district, 9. No. visited by M.O.H., 46 visits made.

Action taken.—Advice given on preventative measures. Schools closed by M.O.H., 1.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

No. of smoke observations taken, none. No. of cautions, none.
Legal notices, none. Summonses, none.

No. of Workshops, 62. No. of times each Workshop inspected, 3. Total inspections, 214.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Diseases specially prevalent in 1925? Scarlet Fever. State months—September to December.

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list? No.

Any influences threatening the health of the District? Shortage of houses.

Any undue prevalence of Venereal Diseases? No information obtainable.

Any prevalence of Jaundice, and at what ages? No information obtainable.

HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

(a) General: Accident. Yes. Sheffield and Rotherham.
Children. Yes. Sheffield.

(b) Local: Hospital, Cottage. No.

(c) Infectious, General. Yes. Swallownest.
Smallpox. Yes. Brampton.

(d) Maternity. Yes. Sheffield; Worksop (Poor Law).

Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases? No.

(e) Clinic and Treatment Centre not provided by County Council Scheme? No.

Whether any other disease (e.g. Pneumonia is treated) in Infectious Disease Hospital? No.

Any change or extension of (a) General Infectious Hospital Extension (work proceeding). (b) Smallpox Hospital. No.

TUBERCULOSIS.

- (1) Inspection of patient's home and workshop? Yes. (2) Examination for contacts? Yes. (3) Is house disinfected? Yes. When? On removal to Sanatoria and immediately after burial in case of death. (4) Leaflets, Lectures, etc., distributed? Yes. (5) Action *re* spitting? Yes. (6) Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary? Yes. (7) Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis with T.B. in sputum? No. (8) Are the requirements of Tuberculosis Regulations as to notification observed by general practitioners? Yes.

BACTERIOLOGY (County Laboratory).

Any suggestions? No.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Any suggestions? No.

Any voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare? No.

Causes of any excessive infant mortality in 1925. Nil.

Supply of milk to mothers and infants. Any action? No.

Suggestions will be welcomed regarding (a) Maternity and Infant Welfare Schemes. None. (b) Ante-natal Schemes. None.

VITAL STATISTICS.

No. of Still Births during 1925. No information.

Deaths during 1925—(1) Gross Deaths, *i.e.*, Total actually registered in the District without any correction. Males, 72; Females, 64.

(2) No. of uncertified deaths (included above), None.

MORTUARIES.

What accommodation (a) for accidents, Mortuary at Dinnington; (b) for infectious cases other than at hospital, None; (c) for other purposes, Dinnington. Any suggestions made by M.O.H.? No.

Table D.

KIVETON PARK RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

Summary of Housing Work During 1925.

Table showing action under Sections 17, and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act., 1909, Section 28 of the 1919 Act, Section 10 of the 1923 Act, Sections 3, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, of the Housing Act, 1925, and the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, dated September 2nd, 1910, or matters arising therefrom.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1924		Houses inspected for "Housing defects" in 1925 under Acts and Regulations.				Houses not reasonably fit. Action under Section 28, 1919; Section 10 of 1923; and Section 1, 1925.								Action under P H Acts in cases of houses with minor defects not remediable under S'n. 28, 1919; S'n 10, 1923; and S'tn 1 of 1925				Unfit Houses. Action under Sections 17 or 18, 1909; Sections 9, 11, 14 of 1925.			Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1925																	
4	Houses not reasonably fit for habitation. Section 28, 1919; Section 10, 1923.	26	Houses (recorded under "Housing") with minor defects. (Public Health Acts).	7	Houses totally unfit. (Sections 17 and 18) 1909.	545	Total inspected and recorded.	139	Houses found satisfactory on inspection.	406	Houses needing further action.	273	Houses found with defects.	215	Houses of this class remedied without formal notice.	58	Houses in regard to which formal notices were served.	58	Houses made fit after formal notice.	Houses in respect of which the Council executed or were executing work in default of owner.	Houses in regard to which owner elected to close house instead of complying with notices.	132	Houses with defects	Houses remedied without service of formal notice.	132	Houses in regard to which formal notices were served.	132	Houses made satisfactory after formal notice.	1	Houses found to be totally unfit.	1	Houses closed voluntarily.	1	Houses demolished voluntarily.	Houses not reasonably fit for habitation. Section 28, 1919; Section 10, 1923; Section 1, 1925.	Houses (recorded under "Housing") with minor defects. (Public Health Acts).	Houses totally unfit (Sections 17, and 18) 1909; Sections 9, 11, 14, 1925	7

UNFIT HOUSES.

Any complaints by Local Government Electors under Section 31 of 1890 Act as amended by the 1923 Act or Section 10, 1925? No.

Any complaints by Parish Councils under Section 6 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1894? No.

Any action under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1923? No.

Any scarcity of houses, if so, where? Yes; Anston, Dinnington, Harthill, Woodsetts and Wales.

Any overcrowding in houses, and where? Yes; Anston, Dinnington, Harthill, Woodsetts and Wales.

Any special activity in house building and where? Council's Housing Schemes at Anston, Dinnington, Harthill, Woodsetts, Wales. Private enterprise at Dinnington.

Total number of houses built in the district under state aided and all conditions in 1925. (a) Working Class Dwellings 121; (b) Other, 6.

STATE-AIDED HOUSING SCHEMES.

A. Scheme under 1919 Act.

Number of Houses erected in 1925. (1) By Council, Nil. (2) By Private Builders' Subsidy, None.

B. Scheme under 1923 Act.

Have Council propounded a scheme under this Act? Yes.

Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health for their approval? Yes. Has it been approved? Yes.

If scheme is approved, particulars of same. Dinnington, 84 houses; Harthill, 32; Woodsetts, 14; Wales, 78, houses.

Is assistance given to private individuals? (a) By lump sum, Yes. If so, how much, £93 15s. 0d.

(b) By annual payments for 20 years? No.

(c) By periodical payments to a Building Society? No.

Number of houses completed by Local Authority under this scheme in 1925. 70.

Number of houses completed by Private Persons under this scheme in 1925. 29.

Number of houses completed by Public Utility Societies under this scheme in 1925. 22.

C. Scheme under 1924 Act.

Number of houses provisionally approved by Ministry? Nil.

Number of houses specifically approved by Ministry? Nil.

Number of houses completed under special conditions? Nil.

Number of houses purchased with approval of Ministry? Nil.

Total number of houses provided under all state aided schemes in 1925? 121.

(Signed) W. T. WOOD, Medical Officer of Health.